



WHY ISRAEL?

Israel is a country of unique beauty and unrivaled history. For Christians, it is a place filled with biblical destiny. For decades however, a continued state of unrest has plagued the nation. One of Aglow's three mandates is to pray for and minister to the people of Israel.

The women of Aglow have been called to be "Esthers" for the Jews. Esther, an ordinary Jewish girl in the Old Testament, would have been annihilated under the orders of Haman, an officer of the court, were it not for her obedience to God to go before the king. Because of the favor Esther found, the king granted her request and her people were redeemed from destruction.

Aglow women have also been called to stand in the gap for the people of Israel against century-long attempts to annihilate God's people. When Haman's descendants were exiled to modern-day Germany after Alexander the Great conquered Persia, attempts to destroy the Jews continued through Adolph Hitler. Through his "final solution" to the "Jewish problem", the Haman spirit was perpetuated.

Since the year 2000, hundreds of Aglow members have gone to Israel to declare God's peace, protection, and promises over the land and its people. Through these trips and contacts with Jewish organizations in Israel, God is breaking down the spiritual walls between the Jewish people and Christians.

Being in Israel is life-changing for Aglow women. Through personal experience, greater understanding and compassion for the Jewish people is gained. Over the past few years, hundreds of Aglow women have:

- ◆ Celebrated the Feast of Pentecost with the Jewish people at the Western Wall and a kibbutz outside of Jerusalem
- ◆ Prayed at the borders of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and at the Mediterranean Sea
- ◆ Taken communion on a hill overlooking Jerusalem
- ◆ Grieved the tragedy of the Holocaust at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial
- ◆ Discovered the unique qualities of the Dead Sea and participated in an archaeological dig

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